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To *William Easton* of the Class that graduated at Union College, in the year 1822
(or, if deceased, to the friend or relative who knew him best :)

SIR,—

It is the aim of the subscriber, in collecting the information asked for by the following questions, to obtain materials for a concise Biographical Catalogue of the Trustees, Presidents, Professors and Tutors of Union College;—of those who have received Honorary Degrees from it, and of all who have ever entered that Institution, whether Graduates or not.

That such a work would be interesting and useful to the Alumni, will not be denied; but whether it be practicable, will depend chiefly upon the ready aid which they shall impart. This circular will be sent to every Graduate whose residence is known, (or, if deceased, to some near connection,) and it is confidently expected that no one will neglect to return it in due time, with as full information as circumstances will allow:—some of the questions, indeed, it may not be possible to answer with certainty; others not at all: still, it is hoped that no important facts will be withheld because of their fewness.

Death has removed the twenty-four original Trustees, the first three Presidents, the early Professors and Tutors, and from eight hundred to one thousand of the Alumni of the College. Doubtless their friends and descendants will cheerfully contribute such information as may be necessary to illustrate the lives and services of the departed.

The subscriber desires every aid that may help to throw light upon the personal history of those concerned:—Obituary Notices; Biographical Sketches, Epitaphs, Funeral Sermons, Newspaper Notices of election to important offices or stations, Business Cards and Advertisements; also, copies of their Literary Works, Addresses, Sermons, Essays, Newspapers, engraved Portraits, &c.; all of which will be deposited and preserved in an Alcove of the College Library, to be set apart for “Graduates’ Works.”

He also requests that all future changes affecting the answers which shall be given, be made known to him from time to time:—especially the deaths of Graduates, and that the usual obituary notices or funeral sermons published on such occasions, be sent with the announcements, as it is his purpose to publish these deaths hereafter once a year.

JONATHAN PEARSON, *Librarian*.

UNION COLLEGE,
SCHENECTADY, N. Y. }

SPECIMENS OF BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES FOR THE PROPOSED CATALOGUE.

John Glidden Brown was born in Quinipeck, N. Y., May 2, 1800; parents, James and Elizabeth (Glidden) Brown, who moved to Epsom, N. Y., in 1806. He was prepared for College at Helderbergh High School, under the instruction of Rev. Moses Johnson, and entered Union College Jan. 1817. He studied law with Hon. Septimus H. Smith, of Great Falls; was admitted to the bar in 1821; and commenced the practice of law in Albany, with James S. Van Hoesen, Esq. In 1830 he moved to New-York City, which, thereafter, became his residence. He was Member of N. Y. Assembly 1832–5; State Senator 1836–8; Member of Congress 1839–41; and Judge of the Superior Court 1842–6. He died June 30, 1849, of cholera, aged 49 years. Besides occasional speeches, orations and opinions, he wrote a work on constitutional law, and edited the N. Y. State Papers. He received the Degree of L. L. D. from Hamilton College in 1846.

Joseph Henshaw Luther was born in Hanover, Mass., June 1, 1798; parents, Joseph and Madeline (Henshaw) Luther; prepared for College at Yorkville Academy, John Almy, Esq., Principal; and entered Union College Sept. 1814. He taught, 1818–20, in East Philadelphia, (Penn.) High School; graduated at Princeton Theological Seminary in 1823; and was ordained Sept. 25, 1823, at Marbletown, N. Y.; and was Pastor of the Presbyterian Church till 1825. He was Pastor of the 1st Congregational Church of Haselton, Conn. 1825–30; Professor of Rhetoric in Erie College 1831–40; retired on account of ill health, and now resides in Philadelphia, Pa. He has published six sermons on various occasions; a series of lectures on Rhetoric and Belles Lettres, and the “Communicant’s Companion.” He received the Degree of D. D. from the Hudson University in 1842.

Thomas Pennington Radway was born Feb. 23, 1778, in Benton, N. Y.; parents, John Harmony and Mary (Pennington) Radway; was prepared for College at High Holme School, Rev. Hanover Kelton, Principal; entered Union College Sept. 1795; taught a few months in Suncook, Mass., in 1799; studied medicine with Dr. Jonas Physic and Dr. Abram Potecar, of Camermile; attended medical lectures at the College of Surgeons and Physicians, and was admitted to, and commenced the practice of medicine in La Rhine, in 1806. He was Surgeon in the Army 1813–15, and returned to practice at Oldbury in 1815, where he has since resided. He lectured in the Fairhaven Medical School on Anatomy and Physiology, 1830–5, and has published several articles in the New-York Medical Review, and two larger works on the “Functions of the Brain,” and on “Gunshot Wounds.”

N. B. 1. Let the answers to the following questions be as full and *authentic* as possible; but when doubtful let them be marked thus (?).

2. When the person is deceased let some near relative or friend fill out the blanks to the best of his knowledge; if he have but *one fact*, let that be sent.

3. Let as much time be taken as may be found necessary for this purpose, and no more.

4. In case this sheet be not sufficient to contain all the facts to be sent, add another of the *same size*, if possible, leaving an inner margin of not less than one inch for binding.

5. In cases where no answers to this circular shall be returned, the editor will be obliged to publish such names without any biographical notices, or to rely upon information, gathered from other sources, and, therefore, not always authentic.

INFORMATION REQUIRED FOR THE FOREGOING SKETCHES.

1. Name.

William Easton.

[Let this be written plainly and the *middle* names in full.]

II. Names of both Parents; thus:—

Andrew and Janet (Smith) Easton.

[John and Elizabeth (Smith) Johnson.]

III. Birth Place.

*Marston on the Tweed - Roxburghshire
Scotland.*

Birth Day and Year.

October 2^d 1804.

IV. Various residences and dates; thus:—

[Pittsfield, Mass., 1814-24; Albany, N. Y., 1824-30; New-York City, 1830-54.]

*Removed with his parents to Argyle Washington Co. N. Y. in 1816.
- 22. Philadelphia 1822-6. Octorara Lancaster Co. Pa. 1827-55.*

V. At what Academy or Academies prepared for College, with Principals and dates; thus:—

[Albany Academy, Benjamin Allen, L. L. D., 1815-17.]

*Cambridge Academy Washington Co. N. Y. Rev. Abner Bullen D. D.
1819-20.*

VI. At what College he graduated, and when.

Union College 1822.

VII. The occupation he followed after leaving college before studying his profession; thus:—

[Teaching, Washington, D. C., 1847-48, or Merchant's Clerk, New-York City, 1849-51.]

VIII. The profession he studied; where; with whom; when; thus:—

[Theology at Princeton Theological Seminary, 1822-5 or Law in Albany, N. Y., with Hon. Harmanus Bleecker, 1840-2.]

*Theology in Philadelphia at the Eastern Theol. Hall of the Associate
Presbyterian Church under Rev. John Banks D. D.*

IX. Where he has practised his profession, with dates; and in case he be a clergyman, mention the denomination to which he belongs; thus:—

[Epis., Somerville, N. J., 1827-30; Pres., Albany, N. Y., 1830-5; New-York City, 1835-54.]

Octorara Lanc. Co. Pa. 1827-55 Associate Presbyterian.

X. The other occupations he has followed; when and where; thus:—

[Merchant, Rochester, N. Y., 1829-35; or Farmer, Geneseo, N. Y., 1835-54; or Manufacturer, Schoharie, N. Y., 1841-48; or Professor, teacher, banker, editor, &c.]

XI. The important offices he has held, with dates; thus:—

[Surrogate of Jefferson Co., N. Y., 1839-41 and 1845-7; Member of Congress, 21st district, N. Y., 1841-43; Member of Assembly, of N. Y., 1821-4, &c., &c.]

XII. The Literary or Scientific Works he has written or edited.

[Copies are solicited for the "Graduates Alcove" in College Library.]

*A Discussion "on Secret Societies, nature of the oath &c., and in different periodicals
sermons-tracts, essays &c.*

XIII. The names of his relatives who graduated at Union College.

His brother Rev. John C. Easton and his son William Andrew Easton.

XIV. The literary, professional, or honorary titles he received; from whence, with dates; thus:—

[M. D., from Albany Medical College 1845; or LL. D., Amherst College, 1850, &c.]

XV. Is there an engraved portrait of him?

[One or two copies, together with his autograph, are solicited for College Library.]

XVI. The date, circumstances, and place of his death.

[Send any printed notice, biographical sketch, funeral sermon, &c. In many instances more space questions, in which case add an additional sheet.]

XVII. General information respecting character, services, success, interesting passages and events in his life, &c.

XVIII. Some account of his pedigree and family ; its original seat in this or the old country, &c., &c

XIX. List of such graduates as may not be *widely* known ; their residences, professions, dates of deaths, &c. ; the name and residence, also, of some near friend of the deceased, that further information may be sought for ; thus :—

[John Orton Smith, Banker, Chicopee, Mass., died 1848. His brother, Joseph H. Smith, resides in Springfield, Mass.]

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Lynchburg Va April 20th 1853

Dear Sir - I send enclosed as full an answer to the queries proposed as I supposed would be desired. I have also sent a brief statement of what my son William Andrew has been doing. My brother Rev. John V. Easton was located near Lewisburg Pa. and has now removed to Scroggsfield Ohio. He will no doubt as soon as possible respond to your call for facts &c. We are all much pleased with your plans & hope to learn from you when copies of your work can be procured. I have also sent a copy of my "Discussion" &c. for the "Graduate Alcorn" - Lynchburg (not Christiansburg) Va. is now the P.O. nearest to us and this caused a delay of your letter. My son (Dr. E.) joins in kind regards and best wishes for your present and eternal welfare - Respectfully Yours &

Prof: Jno. Pearson.

W. Easton.

Ap. 23 1855

William Easton was born, Oct. 2^d 1804, in Maxton on the Tweed, Roxburghshire, Scotland; parents, Andrew and Janet (Smith) Easton; commenced the study of the Languages in Auerum, Scotland; came with his parents to Arzgle, Washington Co. N. Y. July 1816; prepared for college at Cambridge Academy N. Y. under the instruction of Rev. Alex^r Bullions D. D. and entered Union College Sep. 1820. He studied in Philadelphia at the Eastern Hall of the Associate Presbyterian church the usual term of four years, was licensed to preach the gospel 1826 and ordained at Octorara and installed as Pastor of the Associate Presbyterian Congregation there, on June 7th 1827 where he still labours 1855. He has published various discourses, tracts &c. in religious periodicals, and a Discussion with Dr. De Witt &c. on Secret Societies, the nature of the oath &c. a copy of which is in the "Graduates Alcove" College Library. His brother Rev. John S. Easton, and his son, Dr. William Andrew Easton are both graduates of Union College.

William Andrew Easton was born in Octorara Lancr. Co. Pa.
Aug. 11th. 1831; parents, William and Eleanor (Simpson)
Easton; was prepared for college at Hopewell Academy Pa.
Rev. E. L. Stevenson, Principal; graduated at Union
College 1850; graduated at Jefferson Medical College
Philadelphia 1852; practiced medicine in Cecil Co. Md. and
Lancaster Co. Pa. 1852-4; and now resides at the Gap, Lancr.
Co. Pa.

WILLIAM EASTON

was born in Maxton, Roxboroughshire, Scotland, and came with his parents to Argyle, N. Y., in 1816. He was graduated in 1822, ordained minister in the Associate Presbyterian Church in 1827, and was installed as pastor of the United Congregations of Octoraro, Muddy Run and Oxford, Penn., retaining the first church for over fifty years and resigning from ill health in 1878. From 1831 until his decease he lived at Smyrna, Lancaster co., Pa. His published articles were sermons in the various periodicals of the United Presbyterian church, short poems and some newspaper articles. In 1877 he received the degree of Doctor of Divinity, from Westminster College. After suffering feeble health for some years he died of a paralytic attack, June 12th, 1879, leaving two children. He married twice. He was a Republican and strongly opposed to slavery.

Rev. WILLIAM EASTON, 1822, of Argyle, N.Y., was a member of the Philomathean Society.
(Died: 1879)

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